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Agricultural Prices
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North Dakota Agricultural Prices

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in March is 111 percent of the 1990-1992 base, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistical Service, North Dakota Field Office. This is down 2 percent from last year and 9 percent below two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 105 percent of the base, is down 3 percent from March 2005 and the All Livestock and Products Index, at 127 percent, is down 1 percent from last year. March indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

The February Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products, recalculated with full month prices, was 114 percent of the base, up 2 percent from February 2005. The All Crops Index, at 105 percent, was down 2 percent from the previous year while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 134 percent, was up 7 percent.

Preliminary March prices, followed by the change from February:

- Spring Wheat, \$3.85 per bushel, up 3 cents;
- Durum Wheat, \$3.30 per bushel, down 3 cents;
- Winter Wheat, \$3.20 per bushel, up 4 cents;
- Feed Barley, \$1.70 per bushel, up 5 cents;
- Malting Barley, \$2.30 per bushel, down 1 cent;
- Oats, \$1.80 per bushel, unchanged;
- Corn, \$1.80 per bushel, unchanged;
- Soybeans, \$5.30 per bushel, down 9 cents;
- Flaxseed, \$5.35 per bushel, down 17 cents;
- Oil Sunflower, \$10.40 per hundredweight (cwt.), down 40 cents;
- Non-Oil Sunflower, \$15.70 per cwt., down \$1.20;
- All Dry Edible Beans, \$14.50 per cwt., up 30 cents;
- All Potatoes, \$8.25 per cwt., up 75 cents;
- Alfalfa Hay, \$51.00 per ton, down \$3.00;
- Other Hay, \$36.00 per ton, down \$2.00;
- Steers and Heifers, \$106.00 per cwt., down \$5.00;
- Cows, \$54.00 per cwt., down 30 cents;
- Calves, \$138.00 per cwt., down \$3.00.

February whole month prices, with no preliminary March, followed by the change from January:

- Canola, \$9.74 per cwt., up 18 cents;
- Pinto Beans, \$13.50 per cwt., down \$2.30;
- Navy Beans, \$17.20 per cwt., down 90 cents;
- Fresh Potatoes, \$12.10 per cwt., up \$1.10;
- Potatoes for Processing, \$6.30 per cwt., up 5 cents;
- Hogs, \$44.10 per cwt., up \$1.80;
- Lambs, \$103.00 per cwt., down \$2.00;
- Sheep, \$43.00 per cwt., down \$3.00.

March prices are preliminary and based on sales data for only part of the month. They will be replaced with whole month prices in next month's report. February prices are based on sales data for the entire month.

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**Index Numbers of Farm Prices
North Dakota and United States, March 2006**

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006
Prices Received	<i>(1990-92 = 100)</i>					
All Farm Products	113	114	111	119	114	113
Crops	108	105	105	116	114	117
Food Grains	109	117	119	111	121	122
Feed Grains & Hay	97	92	93	95	96	96
Oil Bearing Crops ^{1/}	119	104	100	107	102	99
Potatoes & Dry Beans ^{2/}	97	101	104	114	123	138
Livestock and Products	128	134	127	121	114	111
Meat Animals	127	135	127	122	120	116
Dairy Products	142	141	142	119	103	98
Other Livestock Products ^{3/}	113	113	113	122	108	113
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	139	145	144
Ratio ^{4/}	NA	NA	NA	86	79	78

1/ Includes non-oil sunflower. 2/ North Dakota includes sugarbeets. 3/ United States excludes wool. 4/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid. NA=Not applicable.

**Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota and United States, March 2006**

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price Mar 2006
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Wheat, All	<i>Bu</i>	3.40	3.67	3.71	3.42	3.66	3.71	10.30
Durum	<i>Bu</i>	3.60	3.33	3.30	3.70	3.35	3.32	NA
Other Spring	<i>Bu</i>	3.36	3.82	3.85	3.51	3.83	3.83	NA
Winter	<i>Bu</i>	2.86	3.16	3.20	3.32	3.59	3.67	NA
Corn	<i>Bu</i>	1.79	1.80	1.80	2.02	2.02	2.01	7.65
Oats	<i>Bu</i>	1.39	1.80	1.80	1.73	1.82	1.77	4.25
Barley, All	<i>Bu</i>	2.27	2.15	2.18	2.49	2.57	2.55	7.15
Feed	<i>Bu</i>	1.39	1.65	1.70	1.67	1.83	1.85	NA
Malting	<i>Bu</i>	2.46	2.31	2.30	2.74	2.77	2.79	NA
Sunflower, All	<i>Cwt</i>	14.80	11.80	11.50	15.00	11.40	11.10	32.20
Oil	<i>Cwt</i>	13.50	10.80	10.40	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	<i>Cwt</i>	19.80	16.90	15.70	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All ^{1/}	<i>Ton</i>	59.00	50.00	48.00	92.60	95.00	97.10	NA
Alfalfa ^{1/}	<i>Ton</i>	63.00	54.00	51.00	98.60	99.20	100.00	NA
Other ^{1/}	<i>Ton</i>	46.00	38.00	36.00	77.80	83.20	86.60	NA
Canola	<i>Cwt</i>	10.10	9.74	NA	NA	NA	NA	26.50
Flaxseed	<i>Bu</i>	11.30	5.52	5.35	11.40	5.50	5.35	15.30
Soybeans	<i>Bu</i>	5.74	5.39	5.30	5.95	5.67	5.55	16.90
Dry Edible Beans, All	<i>Cwt</i>	26.30	14.20	14.50	26.60	17.40	19.50	54.00
Navy	<i>Cwt</i>	25.90	17.20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	<i>Cwt</i>	28.20	13.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	<i>Cwt</i>	6.10	7.50	8.25	6.44	7.44	8.31	15.80
Fresh ^{2/}	<i>Cwt</i>	5.45	12.10	NA	8.04	10.91	NA	NA
Processing	<i>Cwt</i>	6.25	6.30	NA	5.38	5.57	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	<i>Cwt</i>	97.40	105.00	97.70	91.00	92.40	89.20	190.00
Steers & Heifers	<i>Cwt</i>	105.00	111.00	106.00	95.20	97.80	94.10	NA
Cows	<i>Cwt</i>	60.00	54.30	54.00	55.00	49.70	49.90	NA
Calves	<i>Cwt</i>	132.00	141.00	138.00	136.00	142.00	138.00	263.00
Sheep	<i>Cwt</i>	43.00	43.00	NA	49.00	46.00	NA	94.00
Lambs	<i>Cwt</i>	115.00	103.00	NA	114.00	96.80	NA	229.00
Hogs	<i>Cwt</i>	52.80	44.10	NA	51.20	42.60	42.40	115.00

1/ Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. 2/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

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